



TOWN OF AVON NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY 911

Police Department 508-583-6677

Fire Department 508-583-5361

Town Hall 508-588-0414

Accountant 1031

Assessors 1023

Board of Health 1016

Board of Selectmen 1019

Building Inspector 1022

DPW 1024

Planning Department 1017

Tax Collector 1012

Town Administrator 1020

Town Clerk 1013

Public Library 508-583-0378

Council on Aging 508-559-0060

School Department 508-588-0230

Housing Authority 508-588-1847

TOWN WEBSITE

www.avon-ma.gov

TOWN HALL HOURS

Mon. – Wed. 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

TOWN HALL CLOSED:

Monday, February 19, 2024



2024 DOG LICENSING

Thank you to the dog owners who have already registered their four legged friends, to date we have licensed 174! All dogs must be licensed by May 31st each year or be subject to a **fine of \$25.**

Ways to license your dog:

1. Mail – Mail in the Dog license renewal that was included with your 2024 Annual Street Listing/Census. Renewal forms can also be found on the town website.

2. Process your dog license online

<https://unipaygold.unibank.com/customerinfo.aspx>

Save time- tags and license will be mailed to you! Online registration is available for dogs that have a current rabies certificate on file. There is a small processing fee for this online service.

Dog Licensing Fee is \$10 for neutered or spayed dogs

\$15 for male or female dogs

If you no longer have a dog, please contact the Town Clerk's office so that we can update our files.

2024 CENSUS

REMINDER: The Annual Census forms must be signed and returned to the Town Clerk's office. Census forms need to be returned even when no changes are necessary. Signed forms can be dropped off in the drop box in the Town Hall parking lot, at the Town Clerk's office or mailed. If you did not receive one, please contact us at 508-588-0414x1010.

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Community-Wide Historic Properties Survey

This project involved the first professional community-wide historic resource survey of significant historical and architectural resources located in the town of Avon. The goal is to build a comprehensive survey that encompasses all buildings over 50 years of age. This project identified historic resources that meet the criteria for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. This survey also provides recommendations for future survey efforts.

The work built upon the survey of 12 houses undertaken by Avon history community volunteers in 1978 and 1980. These 12 forms included only brief building descriptions and the cursory historical information lacks source documentation.

This survey includes 112 primary buildings. Form B - Building inventory forms were prepared for 83 primary buildings and 18 outbuildings. Form A - Area inventory forms were prepared for 4 areas, which included 29 primary buildings, 3 outbuildings, and 1 monument. Updated survey forms were created for the 10 surviving buildings from the 1978-1980 survey. A National Register of Historic Places context was identified around Shoe and Boot Manufacturing during the Early Industrial Period (1830-1870). Original survey forms and a copy of this report are housed at the Avon Public Library and at the Massachusetts Historical Commission, and to view on the town website: <https://www.avon-ma.gov/historical-commission/pages/community-wide-historic-properties-survey>



View looking northeast.



View looking southeast. Original building at left. 1970 addition is the three shed-roof pavilions at right.



View looking south from the intersection of West High Street and Main Street, circa 1888. 12 West High Street visible in foreground in its original location. White building at center is 155-163A Main Street. St. Michael's Church at 185 Main Street is partially visible in distance. Source: Avon Historical Commission collection.



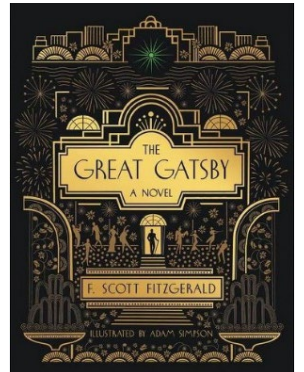
View looking northeast.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Brian Martin – Interim DPW Director

1. **What inspired you to pursue the career you have today?**
 - a. The reason for pursuing the career I have today is that I have always been interested in working to enhance communities. Just knowing that at the end of the day that I can play a part in improving the lives of others is something that I have always found rewarding throughout my professional journey.
2. **What is your favorite dish to make/eat?**
 - a. One of my most favored dishes to both make and order is lobster with melted butter. Yum!
3. **What is the last book you read?**
 - a. I recently finished reading the book “The Great Gatsby” by F. Scott Fitzgerald. I really liked the story behind it.
4. **What is your favorite hobby?**
 - a. I spend most of my free time outdoors as I like to hike and go on motorcycle trips to New Hampshire.
5. **What is the best/last concert you’ve been to?**
 - a. The best concert I went to was Country Fest in Foxborough, MA. I liked Kenny Chesney’s performance the best.
6. **What is the next place on your bucket list?**
 - a. I’ve been to a lot of places, but the next place on my travel bucket list is Maui, Hawaii. I’ve wanted to see the island for a while now.



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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY 2024

ELECTION TYPE	DATE OF ELECTION	ELECTION DAY LOCATION	ELECTION DAY HOURS	DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE/CHANGE POLITICAL PARTY	VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATION DEADLINE
Presidential Primary Election	March 5, 2024	Avon Town Hall	7 AM - 8 PM	February 24, 2024	February 27th - 5PM

Vote By Mail Application Postcards: On or around January 20th, all registered voters received a Vote by Mail application postcard mailed to them directly from the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office. The postcard will allow you to choose a ballot for March's Presidential Primary, September's State Primary, November's Presidential Election, or all elections in 2024, which would include Avon's Annual Town Election.

The first batch of Vote by Mail Ballots were mailed the last week in January. Once you receive your ballot, please mark your vote promptly, place the ballot in the manila ballot envelope and sign the required affidavit on the envelope. Place the sealed ballot envelope in the postage paid white return envelope and return by U.S. mail or place in the secure drop box at the Town Hall at 65 East Main St. You can also track your application and ballot at

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/WhereDoIVoteMA/TrackMyBallot>.

Early Voting in Person for the Presidential Primary Election

Period: February 24th – March 1st

Location: Town Hall- 65 East Main Street – Town Clerk Office

Day	Date	Hours
Saturday	Feb 24 th	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Monday	Feb 26 th	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Tuesday	Feb 27 th	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday	Feb 28 th	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Thursday	Feb 29 th	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday	March 1 st	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION APRIL 9, 2024

Thursday, February 15th at 5pm is the last day to obtain nomination papers for the Annual Town Election. The Election Calendar with candidate deadlines, the positions on the ballot and a complete Candidates Guide are available on the Town's website. If you have any questions, contact the Town Clerks office at 508-588-0414 x1013.



For up-to-date election information in 2024, visit:

<https://www.avon-ma.gov/town-clerk-registrar-voters/pages/voting-elections>

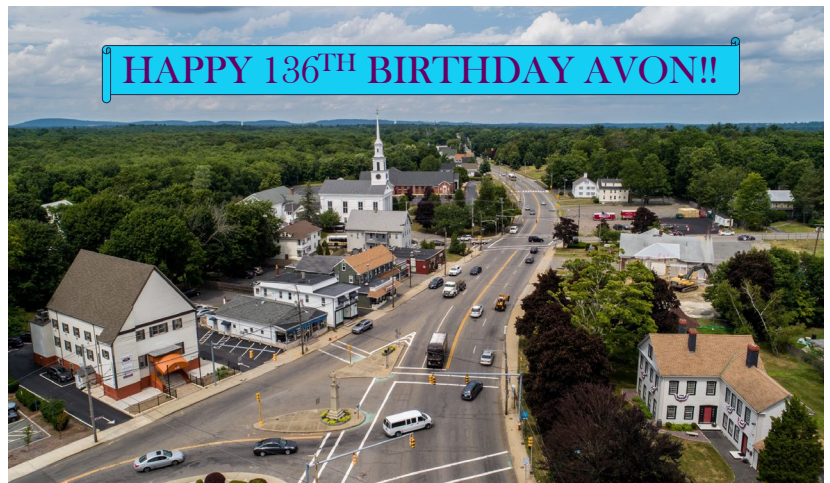
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AVON!

This land that we call Avon was originally sold to the English by Chief Chickataubut in 1630 and was known as the “new grant”. This became part of the town of Dorchester. Moses Curtis decided to move his family from Braintree to this area in 1720. He built the first house here in Dorchester. The house still exists today at 21 North Main Street. Dorchester’s south precinct became part of the town of Stoughton in 1726. Known as Curtis Corners by 1740 due to several Curtis houses in the area. The area then becomes the village of East Stoughton. The town of Avon was established on February 21, 1888 by an act of the state legislature. What do you love about Avon?

Avon is a unique town, because it has or had at some point in time, all of the following:

- *An amusement park
- *A zoo
- *An outdoor theatre
- *A regional baseball stadium
- *A drive-in movie theatre
- *Several buildings that were built in other towns but never moved
- *A moccasin factory that was saved by the townspeople
- *An orphanage
- *And a town hall that was a tavern and a civil war monument that faces north!



TOWN HALL ACHIEVEMENT



On Saturday January 20, 2024, Shanna Faro accepted the Health and Wellness Award for ‘Excellent Wellness’ at the MMA Conference. Way to go Town Hall staff!



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MUSEUM NEWS



The next tour date for the Spring reopening of the Captain Samuel Robbins House Museum will be on Saturday March 9th from 12-2PM.



Division



Tentative Schedule



Registration

Little Hitters
3-4 years old by
4/30/24

1 clinic a week

\$50

T-Ball
4-5 years old by
4/30/24

**1-2 practices/
games a week**

\$80

Rookies
6-8 years old by
4/30/24

**1 practice & 2
games a week**

\$110

Minors
8-9 years old by
4/30/24

3 games a week

\$120

Registration Closes February 1, 2024



\$275 Family Cap | \$20 Late Fee

for questions, please email
avonyouthbaseballma@gmail.com



LIBRARY NEWS - FEBRUARY 2024

LIBRARY HOURS:

MON: 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.
TUES: 10 A.M. - 8 P.M.
WED: 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.
THURS: 10 A.M. - 8 P.M.
FRI: 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.
SAT: 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Monday, February 19th:
 CLOSED

EVENT SPOTLIGHT:

Kid's Ventriloquist Comedy Show
Wednesday, February, 21st at 11 A.M.

Join us during February break for a morning of music, fun, and laughter! We are pleased to welcome back Kevin Driscoll, a musical ventriloquist and entertainer for children ages 2 - 102. Sign up on our website to join the fun!

Tuesday Night Book Club
Tuesday, February 20th at 6 P.M.

Join us for our all new book club, where we will read anything and everything! This month we are reading Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. *This program is for adults aged 18 and up.*



TAX SEASON IS HERE!

It is officially tax season and the Avon Public Library is here to help connect you to all the resources you need to file your taxes this year.

If you made less than \$64,000 year 2023 or are 60 years or older, you may qualify for free tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. To find out more about VITA and how to utilize their assistance, visit AvonPublicLibrary.org.



LIBRARY OF THINGS

Did you know that the Avon Public Library has unconventional items for you to check out?

Lost something? Check out our metal detector!

Want to learn a new skill? Check out our crochet or knitting kit!

Looking to organize your space? Check out our label maker!

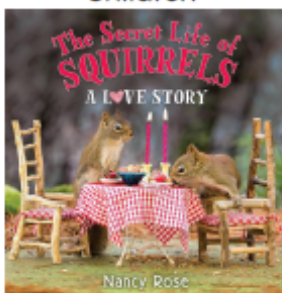
There is something for everyone - come check out our library of things located behind our circulation desk!



ON THE SHELF - SWEET READS!



Children



The Secret Life of Squirrels
 Nancy Rose

Middle Grade



The Mystery Valentine
 A.I. Newton

Young Adult



Julieta and the Romeos
 Maria E. Andreu

Adult



Love, Naturally
 Sophie Sullivan

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BULK COLLECTION DAY - SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2024

BULK COLLECTION POLICY

A limit of five (5) items may be placed out for each bulk collection.

Example: a table and four chairs would be five items.

Items may not be placed out earlier than one week prior to the collection.

Trash totes and bags of trash will not be picked up. Cardboard will not be picked up.

Mattress and box springs are no longer collected at bulk collection. See below.

The Compost Site is located at 90 Wales Avenue. Open on Saturdays from 9AM-2PM. Identification must be shown. All tickets must be purchased beforehand at the Avon Town Hall, 65 East Main Street, Avon MA 02322. For more information, please visit www.avon-ma.gov. For questions, contact the Avon Board of Health at 508-588-0414x1016 or kwaldron@avon-ma.gov

Item	Description	Fee
Grass Clippings Leaves, Brush	Less than 6" diameter	No Fee
Electronics	Fax machines, stereos, radio equipment, propane tanks, cable attachments, e-book readers, scanners, wire, speakers, metal (non-ferrous), cell phones, telephone, tablets, printers, keyboard, computer mice, telecommunications equipment, VCR/DVD players, space heaters, servers, copiers, cameras, modems.	No Fee
Electronics	TV's, computers, monitors, laptops, microwaves, air conditioners (no commercial units)	\$10.00 Fee
Appliances	Refrigerators (must have doors removed), stove, dishwasher, washers, dryers, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, water heaters	\$32.00 Fee for Disposal at Composite Site (Free for quarterly bulk collection)
Mercury Containing Items	Fluorescent lights, mercury items (thermometers, thermostats, batteries)	No Fee
Cardboard	Any cardboard must be flattened	No Fee
Batteries	Most single-use household batteries (AAA, AA, C, D and 9 volt), alkaline batteries, batteries that contain NO mercury (Can be disposed of in the weekly trash collection)	No Fee
Furniture	Couches, dressers, chairs, and other small items	\$32.00 Fee for Disposal at Composite Site (Free for quarterly bulk collection)
Mattresses and Box Springs	<p>Acceptable: Twin, double, queen, king, California king; traditional mattresses box springs constructed of metal, textiles, wood, and foam. Crib mattresses and memory foam mattresses.</p> <p>Unacceptable: Excessively torn, punctured, soiled or moldy items. Twisted or crushed mattresses or broken box springs. Wet or frozen mattresses or box springs. Mattresses or box springs infested with bed bugs or other pests. Futons, fold-out sofa beds. Mattress pads and toppers. Infant sleeping pads; air or water beds; any other furniture or textiles.</p>	If unacceptable and cannot be recycled, there is a fee of \$60 to dispose of each item.
Textiles – SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN MUNICIPAL TRASH	Tops, jeans, sweats, socks, coats, shoes, purses, belts, blankets, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, draperies, pillows	Accepted at collection bins located at the Compost Site, Butler Elementary School and AMHS. No fee